

HBNA Board Meeting Minutes – Apr. 2013

A meeting of the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 8:00am at the Capital City Club.

Present were Board Members: Frank Clementi, Lisa Martinez, Wade McKenzie, Mark Roberts, Mike Elliot, Anne Culberson, Bob Connelly, Hope Bawcom, Lisa Senters McDermott, Cathy Boston, Susy Stovin, and interim Board Members, Brian Ruediger, Carole Simpson, Maribett Varner, also Bridget O'Donnell, Sam Levine, Melissa Bryson.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Martinez at 8:00am

Frank introduced Bridget O'Donnell, Sam Levine and Melissa Bryson who are interested in joining the board. They will be attending the board meetings as interim members until they can be voted on at the general meeting. Frank reminded everyone that the general meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 13th.

Lisa reminded the committee V.P.'s to decide on a standing meeting time that can be established so regular meetings can occur and the schedule of those can be published.

Executive Committee Reports:

Secretary

The February minutes which were previously distributed via email were presented with two corrections and approved by unanimous vote of the board.

Treasurer

Brian Ruediger distributed 2013 financial statements with all ancillary budget items (marked in pink) to be approved. After some discussion on those specific items a motion was made to approve those items. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the board.

Lisa Martinez made a motion for HBNA to run a balanced budget for 2013, i.e. only budget expenses equal to actual current year income, effectively leaving the prior year cash balance in reserve. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the board.

Committee Reports:

Community Maintenance and Enhancement (CME)

Tim Garland presented an update on maintenance of the common areas. Our current contractor has been paid \$3,000 YTD and is not keeping up to speed on the maintenance of the micro parks. Tim feels they are not committing enough time to keep them up and we may need to increase the hours called for and possibly the budget. Tim made a motion to budget \$25,000 for maintenance. The motion was tabled until budget discussion later in the meeting.

There was some discussion about the potential for neighbors volunteering to plant bulbs or work on the micro parks.

Tim updated the status of the Club/Davidson Micro Park.

Mike Elliot updated the status of new monuments. Site distance of new locations aer being checked and locations will be adjusted accordingly. Mike is seeking funding from retailers i.e. Mellow Mushroom, Hudson Grille, etc. for monuments at E. Brookhaven Drive. Mabry monuments are on track and they are raising money for these.

Later in the meeting, a motion was made by Tim to reduce the CME budget to \$26,000 from \$27,000. All approved (Mike Elliot and Wade McKenzie not present).

Zoning – DeKalb

Frank Clementi noted that we need to manage the legal expense going toward individual homeowner calls to the attorney working on the Bellaire development project as they are likely being billed in :15min increments. A motion was made to cap DeKalb zoning expenses at \$6,000. Any further disbursements need to be presented to the Board by Mike Elliot for approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the board.

Mike Elliot gave the DeKalb zoning report beginning with a recap of the Zoning Committee meeting held on April 10th. Mike also reported on a meeting held on April 12th with the representatives of the Bellaire property owners. HBNA members present discussed the issues they have with the proposal (too big, etc.). Mike said the owners didn't appear to want to litigate for years and that there were conversations indicating that perhaps the project could be revised to townhomes.

Mike said the next priority after the Bellaire project would be the Hastings property. Kathy Zickert is the attorney for the family. There is a 90 day moratorium by the City of Brookhaven which started around April 3rd.

The next meeting of the DeKalb Zoning committee is to be determined.

Zoning - Fulton

Events

Motion made by Lisa Martinez to approve \$7,769 budget item for the street party. However, if we don't have a sponsor(s) to contribute at least \$2,000 then budget will be reduced by \$2,000, making the street party budget \$5,769. All approved (Mike Elliot and Wade McKenzie not present).

Transportation

Wade McKenzie reported that the Transportation Committee will be meeting on April 25th to review responses to the RFP for the study and alternatives to the Winall Down/Vermont intersection.

Wade reported that he was invited and attended a meeting of the newly formed Traffic Committee of the Friends of Little Nancy Creek Park. They are working on developing a plan to address traffic safety issues at the entrance of the park and at the intersection of Winall Down and Peachtree Dunwoody Road. They have asked the HBNA to coordinate with them.

There were questions about the initial budget proposal for the Transportation Committee and it was suggested that the \$1,000 proposed for cleanup of street signs etc. in the neighborhood could be eliminated or reduced as it might be covered in the CME budget.

After giving the report Wade McKenzie had to leave the meeting due to schedule conflict. Subsequently a motion was made to reduce the Transportation budget to \$6,000 from \$7,000. All approved except Anne abstained (Mike Elliot and Wade McKenzie not present).

Communication/Membership

Mark Roberts reported that Aaron Bawcom, David Cawrse and Mark are working on enhancing the HBNA website to make it more useful with current information displayed in a timely manner.

Old Business

There was a brief discussion about the potential need for a sign policy. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

New Business

Melissa Bryson discussed drawings of proposed landscaping along Mabry that Rockhaven Homes is proposing to plant at their cost.

Lisa Martinez reported that the General Meeting is May 13th. She would like all board members to be present and prepared to speak about their committee. She proposes the format change to include a long table that all board members would sit at to present to the neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Addendum:

Between Meeting Board Action – via email communication.

Tim Gartland reported via email that our current landscaping contractor was in default of fulfilling contractual duties and offered to have his company fill in for May until bids could be sent out to find a new contractor. Cathy Boston made a motion to ask Tim's company to handle maintenance for up to 60 days while we get bids for replacement of our current landscapers. The motion was seconded and passed with 10 in favor, Frank Clementi, Lisa Martinez, Wade McKenzie, Mike Elliot, Bob Connelly, Hope Bawcom, Lisa Senters McDermott, Cathy Boston, Karen Spitz, Tim Gartland. None opposed. Remaining abstained.